



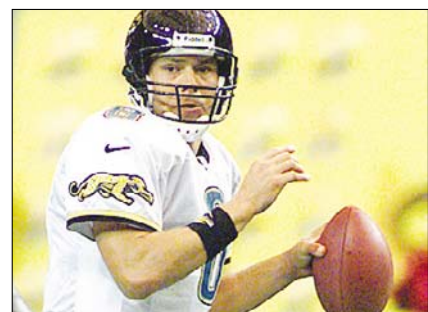
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Rivals Aim for Runaway Kerry

Edwards, Clark scour Va., Tenn. despite fading hopes

WASHINGTON | Democratic presidential contenders John Edwards and Wesley Clark focused their energy on Virginia and Tennessee on Monday, working to slow the momentum of front-runner John Kerry.

Edwards and Clark each hoped strong showings in the two southern primaries would eliminate the other and turn the race into a two-man contest with Kerry, but polls showed the Massachusetts sena-

tor well ahead in both states.

Aides to both Clark, a retired general, and Edwards, a North Carolina senator, said they expect their candidates to lose in Virginia and Tennessee on Tuesday, even though both had earlier been optimistic about winning in the South, their home region. A total of 151 pledged delegates are at stake in the two states.

Clark and Edwards have vowed to forge ahead until Wisconsin's Feb. 17 primary, despite Kerry's increasing advantage.

At a stop in Roanoke, Va., on Monday, Kerry ignored rivals chasing him in the Democratic presidential race and lambasted President Bush's foreign policy, telling primary voters they are "choosing a leader of the free world."

Polls in Virginia are scheduled to open at 6 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. **TOM RAUM (AP)**

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DOG SHOW | A FETCHING FACE



INDIGNITY: A judge examines a Smooth Fox Terrier on Monday at the Westminster Kennel Club 128th Annual Dog Show at New York's Madison Square Garden. With 162 breeds and varieties on hand, there figured to be plenty of competition before the prized pooch was picked Tuesday night.

Sick Cows Still Missing As Hunt Ends

WASHINGTON | The Agriculture Department is ending its search for additional cases of mad cow disease, even though officials have not found several animals that may have eaten the same cattle feed believed to have caused the only known U.S. case.

"We feel very confident the remaining animals ... represent little risk," Dr. Ron DeHaven, the department's chief veterinarian, said Monday.

The closure leaves officials not knowing what happened to 11 head of cattle among 25 that authorities say were most likely to have eaten the same feed as the Holstein in Washington state that was diagnosed with the disease after it was slaughtered on Dec. 9.

Some of the remaining cattle may have gone to slaughter, but tests would have spotted any slaughtered animal that had mad cow, DeHaven said.

The decision to end the search does not close the books on the case. Officials still do not know the source of the suspect cattle feed, and cannot be certain all of America's 95 million cattle are free of the disease. **IRA DREYFUSS (AP)**

VALENTINE'S DAY | A Sultry Smell Love is in the air in Singapore. At least the government hopes so. Two new perfumes are designed to get Singaporeans in the mood for romance. A floral fragrance for her and a musky aroma for him are part of a government campaign to prompt

the populace to create more little Singaporeans. The marriage and birth rates have been falling for years in the Asian city-state. Officials are worried there won't be a large enough population to fill the nation's economic, defense and labor needs. **(AP) EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners

ANIMAL WATCH Bear Hug

A drunken man visiting the zoo in Sofia, Bulgaria, entered the compound of a Himalayan bear and refused to leave, the zoo director said Monday. The man survived the incident Sunday without injuries because the door to the cage that held the 330-pound female beast was stuck, zoo director Ivan Ivanov said. "He was drinking from a bottle of liquor and shouting to the police: 'Have you got the guts to come over here?'" Police finally removed the man. (AP)

YEAR OF THE MONKEY Crime Kinda Pays

Police in Bogota, Colombia, have caught one of the capital city's more notorious pickpockets — a monkey trained to raid people's pants. The monkey was nabbed after complaints from people missing wallets, mobile phones and other items, the BBC reports. Officials say the monkey's owner rewarded it with bananas for each of its heists. (EXPRESS)



RICCARDO DALLE LUCHE/AP

POLITICS

... So They Like Us, Right?

Italy's Viaregio annual carnival parade isn't just an excuse to party in the streets, it's a chance to vent frustrations about issues or world leaders ... and to party in the streets. This year's parade, held Sunday, was no exception. Among the floats was the one pictured here, lampooning, from left, British Prime Minister Tony Blair, President Bush and Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi. Perched atop the president's finger — and not the nicest of fingers, either — is French President Jacques Chirac. (EXPRESS)

CRIME Hide Your Heels

A bold thief with a penchant for high-heeled shoes has been keeping women on their toes in the western city of Stavanger, Norway. The robber, described as a male in his 30s, boldly enters homes, sometimes when the owners are there, and makes off

with women's high-heeled shoes, the Stavanger Aftenbladet newspaper reported Monday. Even though there are often valuables nearby, he takes only shoes and leaves everything else. Aftenbladet said police complaints had been filed, but that there were no suspects. (AP)

RELIGION Raising Hell

Church services at Bayless Baptist Church in St. Louis were more than a little hair-raising over the weekend. The Rev. Ron Shrum sported hair that was spiked, and dyed red and blue. To Shrum, 65, it was a small price to pay for making good on a promise to relinquish control of his fading locks if more than 400 people attended Sunday school a week earlier. All told, 409 turned out. So early Sunday morning, Nathan Beck, 15, and his sister Caitlin Beck, 17, played hairdresser on Shrum and went with the "Liberty Spikes" look — one side of the head bright red, the other blue. (AP)



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In Brief

HAMILTON, N.J.

Postal Facility Anthrax-Free

Fumigation has eliminated all traces of anthrax from a mail processing center that handled at least four tainted letters in October 2001, officials said Monday. The building should reopen by the end of the year. It was closed after handling tainted letters addressed to the offices of Sens. Tom Daschle and Patrick Leahy, NBC anchorman Tom Brokaw and the New York Post. (AP)

LEXINGTON, KY.

Mistress of Ex-Governor Sentenced for Mail Fraud

The one-time mistress of former Gov. Paul Patton was sentenced to two years on probation for mail fraud Monday. Tina Conner was indicted last year on a mail fraud charge arising from her application for special status as a state government contractor. The essence of the charge was that she falsely claimed to be running a construction business, when in fact it was run by her husband at the time. (AP)



Conner

EAST GREENBUSH, N.Y.

Teacher Shot at Upstate New York High School

A teacher was slightly wounded Monday by a student who fired three blasts from a shotgun in the hallway of Columbia High School in suburban Albany, authorities said. The student and a second person were taken into custody after an assistant principal grabbed the gunman and held him until police arrived. Police did not immediately disclose a motive for the shooting. The injured teacher was treated at a hospital and released. (AP)

CINCINNATI

Gay-Rights Group Seeks Repeal of Unique City Ban

Activists from the group Citizens to Restore Fairness said Monday they have gathered enough signatures to ask voters in November to repeal a 1993 city charter amendment that made Cincinnati the only U.S. city to ban the enactment or enforcement of gay-rights laws. Supporters of the measure have pledged to fight any repeal effort. (AP)

Bush Touts Economy in Missouri

President says growth, job creation on the rise

SPRINGFIELD, MO. | Shadowing Democrats through primary states, President Bush highlighted upswings in the U.S. economy Monday at an engine plant in Missouri, a state he won in a tight contest in 2000 and has been courting ever since.

"We're growing," Bush said. "The growth is good. New jobs are being created. Interest rates are low. Home ownership in America is at the highest levels ever."

The economy is growing because "we cut your taxes," he said.

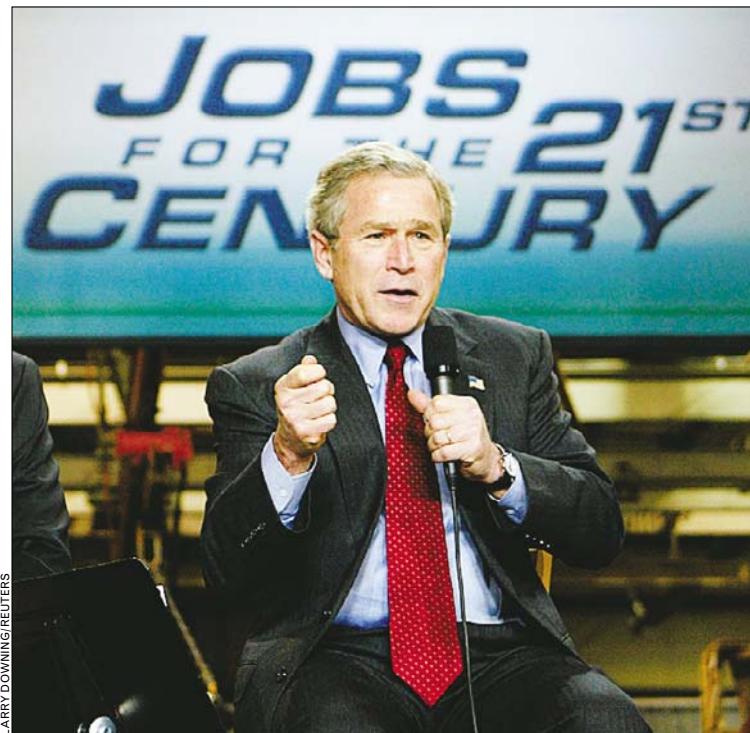
Bush spoke inside SRC Automotive Inc., an employee-owned plant where 120 workers make and remanufacture engines and other parts for automobiles, boats and race cars.

Bush said when lawmakers claim they're going to repeal the tax cuts, they really mean they want to raise taxes and increase the size of the federal government.

The campaign stop coincided with the release Monday of Bush's 2004 economic report, a document prepared by his Council of Economic Advisers. In the report, Bush said America has been able to surmount the bursting of the stock market bubble in early 2000 followed by the first recession in a decade, the terrorist attacks, two wars and corporate accounting scandals.

Democrats, who have seized on the troubled job market to boost their election prospects, say the president's economic policies aren't working all that well.

"If President Bush's policies had put America on the right track, he wouldn't be forced into a desperate game of follow the leader," Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe said Monday of the president's trips to primary states. DEB RIECHMANN (AP)



President Bush promotes his economic plan to workers at the SRC Automotive Plant in Springfield, Mo. During the speech, the president tied economic growth and creation of jobs in the country to his administration's tax-cut initiatives.

Dean Urges Voters to Ignore Polls

Onetime front-runner says he still has a shot at winning Wisconsin

MADISON, WIS. | Dismissing polls and endorsements that favor his Democratic opponents, Howard Dean on Monday asked Wisconsin voters to support his faltering campaign and not "rubber stamp the choice of others" in their state primary next week.

"The media claims this contest is over," the former Vermont governor told about 300 people as he launched a two-day tour and started running TV ads for the Feb. 17 primary. "But you don't have to listen to them."

Dean told local television reporters that he intends to stay in the presidential race regardless of the outcome in Wisconsin. He said last week that he'd be out of the race if he lost here, but had distanced himself from that statement in recent days.

Polls show Dean well behind Kerry in Wisconsin, but Dean has raised more than \$1 million from his Internet supporters for an ad campaign and to help with his ground



Democratic presidential hopeful Howard Dean listens to a question on Monday during a campaign stop at the University of Wisconsin in Green Bay.

organization. After losing three weekend caucuses, he remains winless in 12 delegate elections and trailed in polls in Virginia and Tennessee, which vote Tuesday.

Dean is spending \$50,000 in Wisconsin's five media markets through Tuesday to run a 60-second biographical ad. The TV industry estimates that the buy is large enough that the average TV viewer in each market likely could see the ad once over the two-day run.

ROSS SNEYD (AP)

TRAIL MIX

On Monday, the Democratic candidates focused on Tuesday's races with an eye toward Wisconsin's primary next week:

→ Retired **Gen. Wesley Clark**, **Sen. John Edwards**, D-N.C., and **Sen. John Kerry**, D-Mass., campaigned in Virginia and Tennessee.

→ **Rep. Dennis Kucinich**, D-Ohio, spoke out against the Iraq war at a Hispanic journalists forum in New York City.

Last Senate Office Reopens After Ricin Powder Find

WASHINGTON | The last of three closed Senate office buildings reopened Monday, a week after discovery of poisonous ricin powder in the majority leader's mail room.

The Dirksen Senate Office Building, which opened its doors Monday morning, is where the substance was found last Monday night in an office of Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn. Though contact with the substance is potentially fatal, Senate officials have said none of the dozens of people who were in the vicinity have reported illness.

The Hart and Russell Senate office buildings, which are on either side of Dirksen, had reopened last Thursday. Authorities say they still do not know where the ricin in Frist's office came from. (AP)



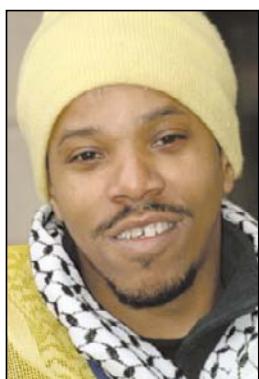
WHO KNEW? The North Carolina primary was pushed back from May 4 to July 20 on Monday because federal judges haven't finished reviewing proposed new districts for legislative seats. (AP)

Mark Jackson



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Nation

Court Stays Calif. Execution

Man convicted of four murders will get new chance to plead his case

SAN FRANCISCO | A convicted killer whose plea for clemency was rejected by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger won a stay of execution Monday, hours before he was to die by lethal injection for hacking four people to death.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals granted the stay to consider whether DNA evidence con-

necting Kevin Cooper to the crime should be retested amid repeated claims that Cooper was framed by law enforcement.

Cooper, 46, had been set to die at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday in California's first execution in two years.

The appeals court did not say when it would hear the challenge.

Hours after the ruling, and with no word from the 9th Circuit, lawyers for California Attorney General Bill Lockyer petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to vacate the stay.

Late last month, Schwarzenegger denied Cooper's bid for clemency, the first such plea to cross the governor's desk. Schwarzenegger said evidence of Cooper's guilt was overwhelming.

Cooper was convicted of stabbing and hacking to death Douglas and Peggy Ryen, both 41, their 10-year-old daughter, Jessica, and 11-year-old Christopher Hughes after escaping from prison in 1983. The Ryens' son, Joshua, then 8, survived a slit throat.

DAVID KRAVETS (AP)

ANIMAL RESCUE | FAR FROM HOME



LION ON THE ROAD: Officials aren't sure how a sea lion ended up in the San Joaquin Valley town of Los Banos, Calif., on Monday, but it was clear that's not where he belonged. Officers used "herding boards" to round up the 300-pound animal, which they nicknamed "Chippy." He was transported to the local Marine Mammal Center where he'll get food and fluids.

Personal Issue, Public Embarrassment

Phobia keeps some workers from fulfilling mandatory drug tests

Tom Smith worried he was in for trouble on a Wednesday morning last November, when a supervisor at the Griffin, Ga., Caterpillar Inc. plant pulled the assembly line worker aside and told him to report to the factory nurse's station.

There, with a plastic urine specimen cup in hand, 40 ounces of water sloshing around inside him and the nurse waiting expectantly, Smith says he spent three hours straining

to do what most people barely think about. But when the time allotted for the random drug test was finished, the cup was still empty. And Smith was out of a job.

Smith's problem, a little-known phobia known as paruresis or shy bladder syndrome, isn't new. And experts say the intensely personal malady has psychological, not physical, roots.

"The bladder's full, they're sweating bullets, but they can't open up" the muscle that allows urination to take place, said Dr. Michael Chancellor, a professor of urology at the University of Pittsburgh.

Employers conduct about 45 million drug tests each year, the vast majority by collecting a urine sample. Some workers object, but inability to fill a specimen cup is rarely the issue.

Some workers with shy bladder are putting their hopes on the growing use of alternative screening methods that test specimens of hair, saliva or sweat. They could get a boost in coming months when the federal government plans to propose such screening for its own workers. Federal drug testing standards are widely followed by private employers. ADAM GELLER (AP)

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In Brief

JAPAN

Parliament OKs Military's Historic Mission to Iraq

Japan's Parliament gave its formal approval Monday to the military's humanitarian mission in Iraq. The measure had already passed in the more powerful lower house late last month despite a boycott by opposition lawmakers. Rejection of the legislation could have led to Japan recalling troops stationed in the region since December. The deployment is the first Japanese military mission to a combat zone since World War II. (AP)

PAKISTAN

Scientist Could Still Face Charges Over Nuclear Leaks

Pakistan left open on Monday the option of criminal prosecution against the father of its nuclear program if more revelations come to light about his leaks of nuclear technology. The presidential pardon for Abdul Qadeer Khan is "conditional" on his admissions of selling nuclear secrets to Iran, Libya and North Korea, the government said. President Gen. Pervez Musharraf pardoned Khan last week after he admitted in a televised confession to giving away secrets. (AP)

IRAN

Prince Charles Visits Quake Survivors, President in Iran

Prince Charles spent time with earthquake survivors and discussed democracy with Iran's embattled President Mohammed Khatami on Monday in the first visit by a British royal to the country since the Islamic revolution in 1979. (AP)



President Khatami, right, welcomes Prince Charles to Tehran on Monday.

Letter to Al Qaeda Sought Iraq Aid

Jordanian allegedly wanted to ignite Shiite, Sunni civil war

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | An anti-American operative in Iraq appealed for help from al Qaeda leaders to help spark a sectarian war between Shiite and Sunni Muslims in an effort to "tear the country apart," U.S. officials said Monday.

The officials confirmed a report Monday in The New York Times about the alleged plan, which was outlined in a 17-page letter that U.S. forces confiscated from an al Qaeda suspect in Iraq.

Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt warned that the plea could mean more "spectacular" attacks because the rebels were despairing that their devastating car bombs and the steady killing of U.S. troops were failing to shove the Americans from Iraq or spark massive discord.

The letter was believed to be written by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi,



A British soldier guards an Iraqi man Monday in Basra. British soldiers and Iraqi police stormed a former army compound in the southern town, arresting 25 suspects.

a Jordanian suspected of al Qaeda links. Al-Zarqawi is the chief suspect in several bombings, and U.S. officials cited his presence in Iraq as evidence of the country's terrorist connections even before the war.

Having found no weapons

of mass destruction in Iraq, Washington has been shifting the reason for going to war to the fight against global terrorism.

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

→ A man wearing a belt of explosives blew himself up outside the Ramadi home of Majid and Amer Ali Suleiman, two prominent tribal leaders who have cooperated with the U.S.

→ In the north, two U.S. soldiers were killed while disposing of explosives, the U.S. military said Monday. Five other soldiers were injured in the blast, according to a military statement.

→ U.S. and Iraqi forces deactivated several rockets that were primed for launch toward the city of Baqouba, about 35 miles northeast of Baghdad.

Scott McClellan, a spokesman for President Bush, said the letter shows that "Iraq is the central front in the war on terrorism." (AP)

Destination: U.S. officials in Iraq said they believe the letter was to be taken abroad, possibly to Afghanistan and al Qaeda's Osama bin Laden | Today's Post: Section A

HEARSAY | SOUTH AFRICA



"Our democracy, although stable, is not very healthy."

—F.W. DE KLERK, FORMER SOUTH AFRICAN PRESIDENT
WARNING MONDAY THAT DEMOCRACY IN SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH IS CELEBRATING 10 YEARS SINCE APARTHEID'S DEMISE, IS BEING UNDERCUT AS ETHNICITY REMAINS THE DEFINING FACTOR IN PARTY POLITICS. SOUTH AFRICA'S THIRD ALL-RACE ELECTION WILL BE HELD APRIL 14.

Revolt in Haiti Spreads Quickly To West, North

PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI | An armed uprising spread to nearly a dozen towns in western and northern Haiti on Monday, the strongest challenge yet to President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. At least 40 have been killed in what the government says is an attempted coup.

Some residents fled the town of Grand-Goave on Monday, a day after rebels evicted the police and torched the station. Meanwhile, police struggled to regain control of the port city of St. Marc, 45 miles west of Port-au-Prince, clashing sporadically in

gunbattles with rebels. Insurgents also torched police stations in the northern towns of St. Raphael and Dondon, radio stations reported.

With no army and fewer than 5,000 poorly armed police, the government is ill-equipped to halt the spreading revolt. Anger has brewed in Haiti since Aristide's party won flawed legislative elections in 2000. The opposition refuses to participate in new elections unless Aristide resigns; he insists on serving out the term that ends in 2006.

"We are in a situation of armed popular insurrection," said opposition politician Himler Rebu.

MICHAEL NORTON (AP)

Poverty-stricken: Clean water is just one of the life-threatening problems Haitians face | Today's Post: Section A

Russia Has No Leads On Missing Candidate

Long-shot challenger to President Putin missing for four days

MOSCOW | Russia's presidential campaign has taken a disconcerting turn as one of the long-shot challengers to Vladimir Putin vanished — his fate still unknown Monday, four days after he was last seen.

Whether the disappearance of Ivan Rybkin reflects foul play or was staged — as some suspect — it introduces a note of dark intrigue ahead of the March 14 vote, which Putin is expected to win easily.

Some 10,000 Russians disappear every year, but few are as high profile as Rybkin. He was a national security chief under former President Boris Yeltsin, the ex-speaker of Russia's lower par-

liament, a participant in failed negotiations with Chechnya's rebel leadership in 2002, and a close associate of one of the Kremlin's most vocal foes, self-exiled tycoon Boris Berezovsky.

Prosecutors opened a murder investigation into Rybkin's disappearance Monday — and then immediately closed it, citing a lack of evidence.

Most observers point to three possibilities: his disappearance was staged

as a political gimmick aimed at destabilization ahead of the election; he fell victim to intrigues within the Berezovsky-funded Liberal Russia party; or he was targeted in a politically motivated attack by the security services. (AP)



Rybkin



WHO KNEW? Vienna, Austria; Vancouver, Canada; and Melbourne, Australia are the best places for expatriates to live, according to a "hardship survey" of 130 urban areas by Britain's Economist Intelligence Unit. (AP)

World

Israeli Court to Rule on Fence

West Bank barrier violates international law, group argues

JERUSALEM | Israel's Supreme Court on Monday promised a speedy ruling on a petition to halt work on a West Bank separation barrier, a case seen as a dress rehearsal for a world court hearing over the contentious project.

The planned route for the barrier cuts deep into the West Bank and encircles Palestinian towns and villages. Israel says the 440-mile barrier is essential to deter Palestinian suicide attackers. Palestinians

charge that the barrier is a thinly disguised land grab.

In court on Monday, the Center for the Defense of the Individual argued that the barrier infringes human rights and is a breach of international law. It said that if Israel wants a barrier, it should be built on territory that it held before seizing the West Bank in 1967.

Those arguments are also expected to be made by Palestinian representatives at the Hague hearings, which begin on Feb. 23.

STEVE WEIZMAN (AP)

PRIME MINISTER POST-OP

→ Israel's Ariel Sharon

underwent successful treatment Monday to remove a kidney stone, his office said. He is expected to be back at work Wednesday. The development, though not considered serious, focused attention on the health of Sharon, who is 75. Though he was severely wounded as a soldier a half century ago, he is not reported to be suffering from any significant health problems. (AP)

Holy city, divided: Israel is close to finishing a decades-long effort to surround Jerusalem with settlements, walls, fences and roads | Today's Post: Section A

UNITED KINGDOM | REMINISCENCE



WWII MEMORIES: A former British soldier reads a copy of the Daily Mirror in Winston Churchill's wartime bunker in London on Monday. The government said Monday it will use national lottery funds to send veterans to visit old battlegrounds and cemeteries where their fallen comrades are buried.

N. Koreans In Dire Need Of Food Aid

U.N. issues plea, says it is cutting supplies to 6.5 million people

BEIJING | The United Nations World Food Program issued an emergency appeal Monday for aid for North Korea, saying the agency's supplies have nearly run out and it is cutting off food to almost all the 6.5 million people that it feeds there.

WFP will be able to feed only about 100,000 North Koreans — mostly women and children — over the next two months, said Masood Hyder, the U.N. agency's representative in the North. The agency is trying to feed more than one-third of the North's 23 million people.

The United States, Russia and others have pledged thousands of tons of grain and other food since WFP warned late last year that its supplies were running low, Hyder said. But he said those shipments won't start arriving until late March due to the difficulty of moving such vast amounts of commodities.

The North has relied on foreign aid to feed its isolated populace since revealing in the mid-1990s that its agriculture had collapsed after decades of mismanagement and the loss of Soviet subsidies. (AP)

Rebels in Uganda Leave Trail of Dead

KAMPALA, UGANDA | Rebels in northern Uganda hacked to death at least 10 people they found tending their fields, the army said Monday.

Soldiers were pursuing Lord's Resistance Army rebels who killed the villagers on Saturday in Abako, 190 miles north of Kampala, said Lt. Chris Magezi.

Most the residents had fled the village a year ago for the safety of the nearby camps for displaced people. But many return regularly to tend

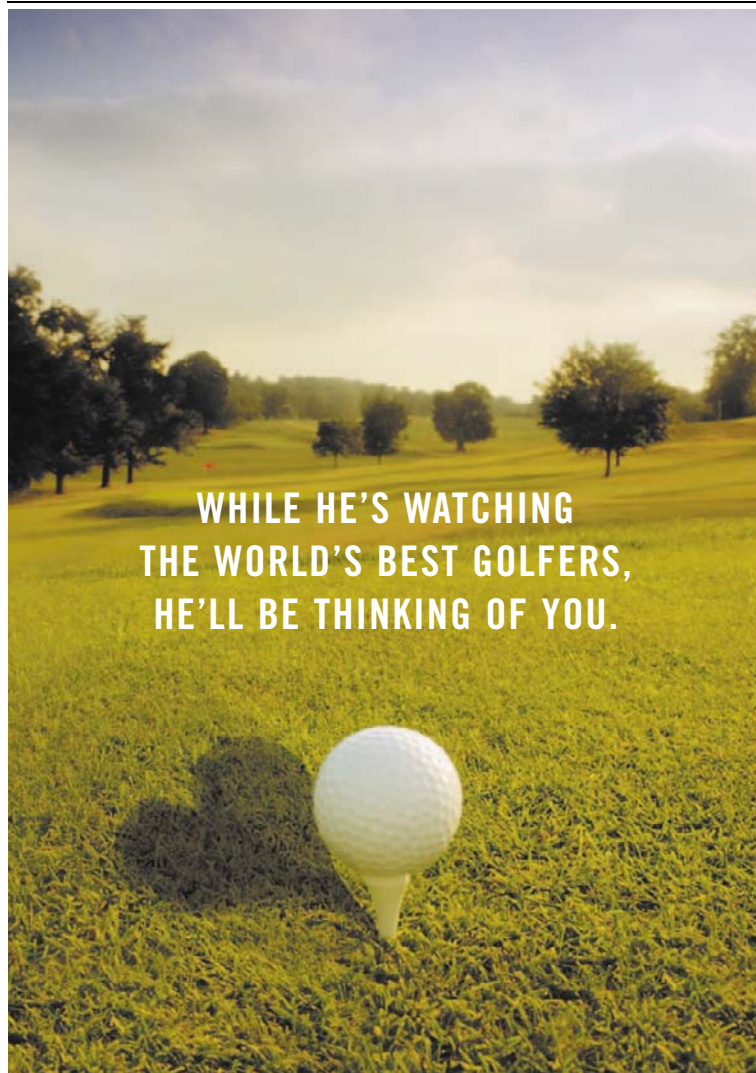
their crops, Magezi said.

The shadowy Lord's Resistance Army, which has little contact with the outside world, could not be reached for comment. The rebels have fought for 17 years to overthrow President Yoweri Museveni, a southerner, but mostly attack civilians.

Fighting between the army and rebels intensified after February 2002 when Sudan agreed to allow Ugandan troops to attack LRA bases in southern Sudan. (AP)



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Local

In Va., Change of Direction

Connolly unveils plan to double funds for Fairfax transportation

WASHINGTON | Fairfax County's commitment to transportation projects would nearly double under a plan detailed Monday by Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerald E. Connolly.

Connolly recommended the county add about \$100 million

to the \$115 million in transportation bonds slated for sale this November. The money would go for projects such as a new parking garage at the Virginia Railway Express station.

The plan includes a number of projects that can be accomplished with the additional capital. Collectively, they would have a "major impact" on mobility within Fairfax County, Connolly said.

"It will make an appreciable

difference in the ability of our citizens to get around," said Connolly. Proponents of the plan are hoping it blunts criticism from residents and others who have said Fairfax officials have failed in the past to put forth a viable transportation plan.

While the Fairfax initiative maintains that highway funding remains a state responsibility, the plan calls for the county to take over some stalled projects to control costs and ensure completion. DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

Police: Arlington Crime Rate Drops

ARLINGTON, VA. | The crime rate in 2003 was the lowest in more than 20 years, Arlington County police said Monday.

Preliminary figures for the year showed a 14.9 percent reduction in serious crimes, spokesman Matthew Martin said. The category includes homicides, forcible rapes, robberies, aggravated assaults, burglaries, larcenies and vehicle thefts.

"The numbers for 2003 confirm what most Arlingtonians already know: Arlington is a safe and secure community," Police Chief Doug Scott said. (AP)

The Lotteries

February 9

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Mid-day Lucky Numbers	9-7-2 (white)
Evening Lucky Numbers	2-8-6 (white)
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Evening DC 4	7-2-2-8
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Hot Five	30-21-31-12-20

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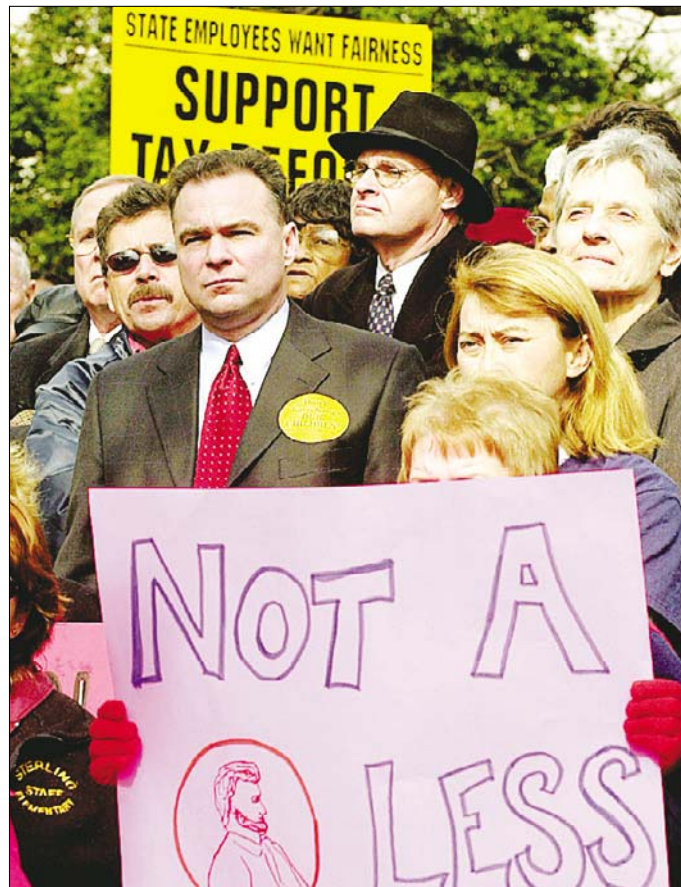
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Evening Pick 3	3-6-1
Mid-day Pick 4	2-8-8-7
Evening Pick 4	4-4-9-8
Match 5	1-3-5-12-25 Bonus: 13

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RALLY: Virginia Lt. Gov. Tim Kaine appears in Richmond with supporters of Gov. Mark Warner's tax plan. Legislators debated the proposal on Monday.

Va. House Passes Bill to Close Meetings

RICHMOND, VA. | The House of Delegates narrowly approved legislation Monday that would exempt the General Assembly from the state's open meetings law.

House Majority Leader H. Morgan Griffith's bill would allow senior lawmakers on the Joint Rules Committee to decide which legislative meetings should be open to the public.

"This bill is an unprecedented assault on what should be a bedrock principle of government — that we do the people's business in the open," said Del. Robert Brink, D-Arlington.

However, the House voted 52-48 to pass the bill after Griffith argued that it clears up gray areas of the Freedom of Information Act. (AP)

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Money

Stewart Secretary Relayed Prediction

Armstrong says she delivered message that stock would drop

NEW YORK | Martha Stewart's secretary broke down in sobs on the witness stand Monday as she described thanking the homemaking mogul for a gift of plum pudding just before relaying broker Peter Bacanovic's prediction that ImClone Systems stock would drop.

Ann Armstrong was answering questions from a prosecutor about messages she relayed on Dec. 27, 2001.

The government's star witness, former brokerage aide Douglas Faneuil, testified under cross-examination Monday from Stewart's lawyer that he did not believe he was

doing anything wrong when he passed her the tip that led her to sell ImClone stock. Faneuil, who



Stewart

handled the stock sale hours after Armstrong talked with Stewart, also said Stewart never encouraged him to lie.

Faneuil said he only later thought about the violation of Merrill Lynch & Co. policy. He repeated that Bacanovic ordered him to give the tip and encouraged him to lie about it later.

Stewart and Bacanovic are accused of lying to investigators about why Stewart sold her shares. The two have asserted they had a pre-existing deal to sell ImClone when the stock fell to \$60. ERIN MCCLAM (AP)

Billions in Tax Refunds Still Unclaimed

WASHINGTON | Nearly 2 million students, retirees and other taxpayers stand to lose \$2.5 billion in refunds if they don't act quickly to claim the money.

The Internal Revenue Service said Monday that anyone who should have gotten a refund for taxes paid in 2000 but didn't file

a return must file and claim the money by April 15, otherwise it goes to the U.S. Treasury.

Individuals owed a refund have three years to claim it. A refund for taxes paid in 2000 will be held if the taxpayer did not file a return for 2001 and 2002, in case the taxpayer owes taxes for those years. (AP)

Tower Records Files for Chapter 11

Music, video chain's parent company seeks bankruptcy protection

WEST SACRAMENTO, CALIF. | The parent company of Tower Records, inventor of the music megastore and one of the nation's largest music and video retailers, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy Monday.

MTS Inc., the privately held parent of the West Sacramento, Calif.-based chain, took the step a day after the record industry's

Grammy Awards.

Tower stores will stay open, but the filing is expected to help clear the way for the sale of the 93-store chain, which suffered from the exploding popularity of free music on the Internet and competition from deep discounters such as Best Buy and Wal-Mart.

MTS decided nearly a year ago to sell Tower. A filing last April with the Securities and Exchange Commission revealed that Tower had lost money for 13 straight quarters. JIM WASSERMAN (AP)

LEANING TOWER

→ A decision in 1998 to expand on \$110 million of borrowed money drove Tower to a peak of more than \$1 billion in annual revenue with nearly 200 stores in 21 states and franchises abroad.

→ After July 2000, earnings began falling, leading to mounting losses and store closings.

→ Approval of the bankruptcy plan will cut its \$110 million debt by \$80 million, Tower said.

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Natl RV	10.45	+1.05	+11.2
SymsCp	7.72	+73	+10.4
OdysseyR	26.00	+2.31	+9.8
JF China	15.85	+1.40	+9.7
Turksh	10.13	+89	+9.6

Losers

MooreWal	17.69	-1.84	-9.4
BrazilEF	6.23	-.62	-9.1
WCICmts	21.61	-1.74	-7.5
DonlleyRR	29.18	-2.06	-6.6
SelectMds	15.85	-1.06	-6.3

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
IndSrvAm	7.38	+2.28	+44.7
NtScreen	35.94	+9.54	+36.1
SontraMd	3.17	+.54	+20.5
BlueRh	16.74	+2.84	+20.4
HauppDig	4.50	+.72	+19.0

Losers

ForgntNtw	2.02	-.74	-26.8
ClickSft	4.22	-.73	-14.7
SupportSft	11.31	-1.67	-12.9
ObieMed	3.05	-.44	-12.6
JnprNtw	26.18	-3.29	-11.2

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.0625
3-month	0.92	0.90
2-year	1.74	1.81
10-year	4.06	4.15
30-year	4.90	4.98

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5382	.5417	.6133
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European Euro	.7883	.7876	.9234
Japanese Yen	105.68	105.49	120.22
Mexican Peso	11.1160	11.1110	11.0147
Taiwanese Dollar	33.21	33.29	34.75

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Biotech Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Amersham	73.22	+.22	+7.2
Amgen	64.22	-.64	+3.9
ApplBio	23.35	+.31	+12.7
BiogenIdc	44.06	+.56	+20.1
Chiron	52.09	-.85	-8.6
Genentech	96.55	+.03	+3.2
Genzyme	54.20	-.59	+10.0
GileadSci	57.72	+1.16	-1.0
IMS Hlth	24.00	-.70	-3.5
Invitrogn	79.81	+.93	+14.2
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Health & Fitness

10K Step Program

FITNESS | Walking 10,000 steps to good health may be harder than it looks. The U.S. Surgeon General's guidelines call for at least 30 minutes a day of moderate physical activity on most days of the week. But the pedometer and the surgeon general don't quite mesh.

The surgeon general's guidelines don't mention walking 10,000 steps, even though people have gotten the idea they do, said Guy C. Le Masurier, a doctoral student at Arizona State University East.

The 10,000 steps concept is a Japanese import, created by a researcher who helped to promote pedometer-measured walking into a Japanese national movement.

"The best scientific evidence has demonstrated that a daily 30-minute brisk walk is important for health, not whether the step count reaches 10,000," Le Masurier wrote in the current issue of the American College of Sports Medicine's Health and Fitness Journal.



LARRY MORRIS/TWP

Using a pedometer just isn't enough. You gotta put your back into walking.

Walking 30 minutes would require only about 3,000 steps, said Catrine Tudor-Locke, assistant professor of health promotion at the university.

The pedometer won't tell you if you're getting the right amount of exercise, either. They count steps but not how much effort the walker is putting out. "We need to think about quality, not duration, of stepping," Le Masurier said. IRA DREYFUSS (AP)

Optimism Doesn't Up The Odds

CANCER | A positive attitude does not improve the chances of surviving cancer, according to research released Monday.

Optimism made no difference in the fate of most of the 179 lung cancer patients that Australian researchers followed over five years. Only eight were still living by the time the study ended in 2001.

Although the study was small and dealt with a kind of cancer that offers little chance for survival (about 12 percent of patients live beyond five years), experts say it is the first scientifically valid look at optimism and cancer. The results surprised researchers, who expected optimistic patients to live longer.

Patients are burdened by trying to maintain a positive outlook during their difficult situations, said researchers in the journal Cancer.

However, a positive attitude can help lead to healthier eating habits, drinking less, exercising more and learning more information about treatment options. DANIEL YEE (AP)

Tragic love: A poet and mother kills herself and her child. A look at how her mental illness grew, unheeded. In next Sunday's Washington Post Magazine.

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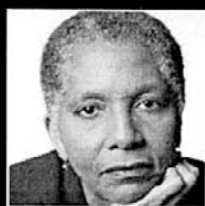
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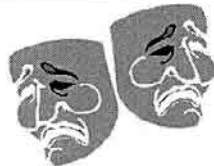
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Personal Tech

It's Back — And Now It Can Breed

TOYS | Japan's popular digital pet from the 1990s is coming back. And this time Tamagotchi will be able to date, fall in love and even have babies.

Launched in 1996 but discontinued in 1998, Tamagotchi was an egg-shaped, pocket-sized gadget with a cartoon pet that appeared on a screen. Owners reared it by punch-



ing buttons that would feed the creature, play games with it or groom it. In time, the pet "grew" from an infant into a virtual adulthood, and better players could make it live longer.

The new Tamagotchi Plus goes on sale in Japan on March 20 for 1,980 yen (\$19), and will be introduced overseas this summer.

It will be able to communicate with other digital pets through infrared signals, and owners can have them compete in eating contests. Tamagotchi Plus is programmed to cultivate intimacy, moving from friendship to love to marriage. In some cases, a child pops up on the displays.

A spokesman for Bandai Co. acknowledged that matching the device's initial popularity will be tough: 40 million Tamagotchis were sold worldwide. YURI KAGEYAMA (AP)

Office Data Stays Hidden

PRIVACY | Microsoft Corp. previously offered relatively cumbersome instructions for erasing changes and comments made in its Office suite, which includes Word and Excel.

Now, the software giant is offer-

ing a simple way to make sure a company doesn't inadvertently air its dirty laundry once a document is ready to be released. A free new download available on the Microsoft Web site lets users more easily erase

such "hidden" data.

Dan Leach, group product manager for the Microsoft unit that includes Office, said customers really like the collaborative functions when they are working on a project. But, he adds, "We want to make sure people can turn it off."

ALLISON LINN (AP)



LIVE ONLINE

Fast Forward

ROB PEGORARO's column appears Sundays in The Washington Post. He chats every other Monday at 2 p.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline.

I heard that some cable ISPs are starting to charge certain home users more than others — trying to charge heavy users more. Are any local ISPs doing this?

Not that I've heard of. There are stories about broadband usage caps — if you start downloading hundreds of megabytes a day, you might get a phone call. Direcway, the satellite ISP, has an explicit usage cap, called the Fair Usage Policy. The basic principle seems fair enough; on a shared-use system like cable or satellite, there should be some kind

of limit on how much of the collective bandwidth you consume.

I want to share my digital connection with my neighbors. What sort of gear will I need to send my WiFi signal 500 yards from my house?

That's doable, but it'll take some higher-end hardware to do it. I'd recommend visiting the Web site of a local WiFi networking group: www.cawnet.org.

What quality of service can be expected from the new two-way satellite services?

With all the satellite services, the biggest limit is one that will never be broken — the speed of light. That means any satellite service will have latency issues — the time taken for any Internet packet to travel to the satellite and back down to Earth. With satellites in geosynchronous orbit, that's a long round trip: 44,000 miles and change.



Cable? DSL? Carrier pigeon? Browse the Washington Post's annual guide to D.C.-area Internet service providers at www.washingtonpost.com/technology.

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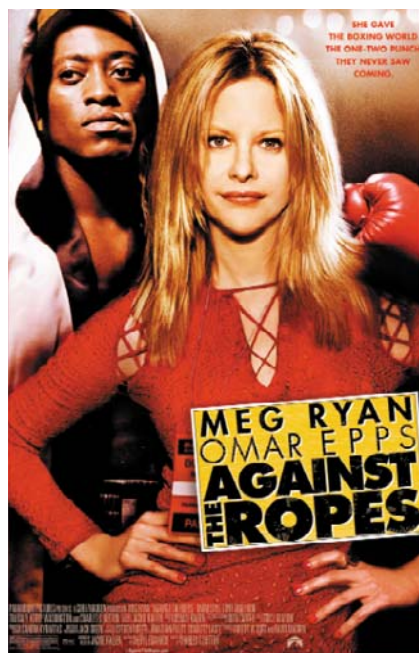
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LIVE ONLINE

Chat House

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Washington Post columnists **MICHAEL WILBON** and **TONY KORNHEISER** were online Monday discussing the latest news in the world of sports.

What is up with the Redskins and quarterbacks? Every season there is always some news about the position. I love Joe Gibbs and I understand why he likes to have a veteran QB, but most fans and media members believed that Patrick Ramsey was the franchise QB for the Redskins. Why bring in Mark Brunell, who only has a few seasons left and has banged-up legs, while you have Patrick Ramsey, who is young, smart and has a gun of an arm?

MIKE: Let me ask you a serious question: Joe Gibbs, who wears three Super Bowl rings and who took his team to four Super Bowls in 11 years, should base his QB decision on the media's and the fans' opinion of Patrick Ramsey?

The Wizards have looked great the past few games. Even Kwame Brown and Brendan Haywood have stepped it up. Do you guys think the Wizards have any shot at the playoffs?

TONY: No, they have no shot at the playoffs but the development of Kwame Brown is something that would do wonders for the value of this team in the immediate future.

In Sunday's Pro Bowl, 107 points were scored. There hasn't been that type of competition in the NFL all season. What can we do to get those type of scores during the regular season and not wait until the last game of the year?

TONY: Make every game an exhibition game and tell the defensive players not to try to kill themselves on every play.

Where do you rank Maryland's basketball right now?

MIKE: I think they are in the top 30 now and by the beginning of March could be a top 15 or top 20 team. Playing in the ACC brings down your record because the conference is so good, but it makes you better prepared for the NCAA tournament in March.

SOCCER | UNITED HE STANDS



FIRST DAY: Freddy Adu advances a ball during a drill at his first practice with the D.C. United on Monday at the IMG Academies in Bradenton, Fla.

STEVE NESIUS/AP



OVER AND OUT: Nolan Ryan ended his formal relationship with the Texas Rangers on Monday, more than 10 years after the final pitch of his career. The Hall of Famer decided not to sign a new personal services contract. (AP)

Trade for Brunell Not a Done Deal

Washington one of many teams looking to acquire quarterback

PRO FOOTBALL | A Jacksonville Jaguars front-office official said Monday that no deal was imminent regarding Mark Brunell, even as the quarterback prepared for a meeting with Washington Redskins coach Joe Gibbs.

Washington is one of at least four teams that have approached the Jaguars about their three-time Pro Bowl star.

Paul Vance, Jacksonville's senior vice president of football operations, said there are discussions with Brunell's agent, the Redskins and other teams he declined to identify.

A front-office source within the league, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that Miami, San Diego and Dallas are among the other teams in the running for the 33-year-old quarterback, who has made it clear that he wants to go to a team where he can be the starter without igniting a quarterback controversy.

But that's just what his arrival in Washington might do because the Redskins have consistently promoted Patrick Ramsey as their quarterback of the future.

The going price for Brunell has been increasing and now appears to be a second-round draft pick. Miami is considered Brunell's preferred destination, but the Dolphins don't have a second-round selection this year. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

HEARSAY | CRUELTY

"I don't understand when people do something like that."

—A MEMBER OF JAYSON WILLIAMS'S JURY POOL ON HER REACTION WHEN SHE HEARD REPORTS THAT THE EX-NBA STAR, ACCUSED OF KILLING COSTAS CHRISTOFI, SHOT A DOG. THE UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN WAS EXCUSED FROM THE JURY ON MONDAY.

Midseason Upheaval In Florida

HOCKEY | Rick Dudley left his job as the Florida Panthers' coach Monday to focus on his duties as general manager. Assistant coach John Torchetti will coach the team the rest of the season.

Dudley timed the move so he could attend this week's meetings of NHL general managers in Las Vegas. Torchetti will make his debut as an NHL head coach Tuesday at home against Montreal.

Torchetti becomes the Panthers' third coach this season and their fifth since 2000. He most likely will return next season if the team plays well in its final 27 games, Dudley said.

"John has a chance to be very special as a coach," Dudley said from Las Vegas.

At 38, Torchetti becomes the league's third-youngest coach.

The young Panthers (18-23-11-3) began the week nine points behind in the race for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

STEVEN WINE (AP)

Fitzgerald Ready to Join NFL Ranks

FOOTBALL | Heisman Trophy runner-up Larry Fitzgerald will enter the NFL draft and not return to Pittsburgh for his junior year.

The star receiver made the announcement Monday, four days after he was declared eligible by the NFL for the draft. He is expected to be among the first picks in the draft.

Fitzgerald left the Academy of Holy Angels in Richfield, Minn., midway through his senior year in 2001 and transferred to Valley Forge (Pa.) Military Academy to boost his grades for college.

The NFL cleared the way for Fitzgerald to enter the April draft because he is three years past his



Larry Fitzgerald will likely be one of the top 10 selections in the NFL draft.

KEITH BRACKGIC/AP

senior year of high school.

The league's decision on Fitzgerald came on the same day a federal judge ruled running back Maurice Clarett could also turn pro

despite playing only one season at Ohio State.

The 20-year-old Fitzgerald was a dominating receiver for the Panthers last season. He finished a close second to Oklahoma quarterback Jason White in voting for the Heisman Trophy, nearly becoming the first sophomore to win the award.

He was the most proficient receiver in Pittsburgh history with an NCAA-record 34 touchdown catches in his freshman and sophomore years.

Fitzgerald also holds the NCAA record with touchdown receptions in 18 consecutive games.

CHARLES SHEEHAN (AP)

Sports

Texas Replaces Tennessee as No. 1

Longhorns top AP poll for first time since 1987

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL | Say howdy to the new No. 1 team in women's basketball. After a long absence, the Texas Longhorns and coach Jody Conradt are back on top.

Texas replaced Tennessee at No. 1 in The Associated Press women's basketball poll Monday — the school's 46th appearance as the leader, but its first since the week of Dec. 28, 1987.

"I've been feeling for a while this is a good team," Conradt said. "This is a team that I think deserves some recognition for their hard work and talent."

The Longhorns' move kept the revolving door at the top of the poll spinning. It was the third time in six weeks the lead changed hands, an abrupt switch after two-plus

seasons of Connecticut hogging the No. 1 spot.

A path to the top opened after Tennessee lost to Connecticut and last week's No. 2 team, Duke, was upset by Florida State.

Tennessee (19-2), which had been No. 1 for two weeks, dropped to third. Duke (18-3) slipped to fourth.

Texas became the fourth team to be ranked No. 1 this season, following Connecticut, Duke and Tennessee. The AP women's poll started in 1975 and there has been only one other season, 1987-88, when as many as four teams ranked No. 1.

The Longhorns have wins over Duke and Tennessee and lead the nation in victories. They have won seven straight and 14 of their last 15. **CHUCK SCHOFFNER (AP)**



The University of Texas's Jody Conradt is the fourth coach this season to guide a team to the No. 1 ranking in the Associated Press's top 25 women's poll.

No Change at Top Of Men's AP Poll

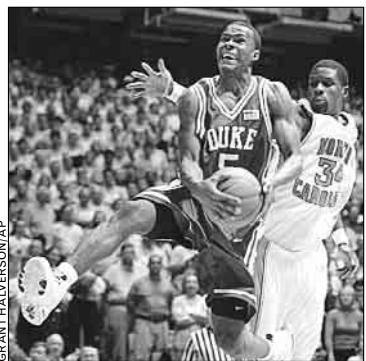
COLLEGE BASKETBALL | Mississippi State reached its highest ranking in 41 years Monday, while Southern Illinois was in the Top 25 for the first time since 1976.

Duke, Stanford and Saint Joseph's held the top three spots in The Associated Press's men's college basketball poll for the fourth straight week.

Pittsburgh and Connecticut, who meet Sunday, were fourth and fifth, respectively, for a second consecutive week.

Mississippi State moved up one place to sixth, the Bulldogs' highest ranking since they were No. 6 in the final poll of the 1962-63 season.

Southern Illinois came in at No. 23, the Salukis' second appearance



Daniel Ewing and the Duke Blue Devils were once again No. 1 in the AP poll.

ever in the Top 25. They were ranked for three weeks in December 1976.

Duke (20-1) received 43 first-place votes.

Stanford and Saint Joseph's — the only unbeaten teams remaining in Division I — both won two games last week to get to 20-0.

JIM O'CONNELL (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

PRO BASKETBALL (7:30 p.m. on TNT) The Detroit Pistons try to become the first team to defeat the New Jersey Nets since Lawrence Frank replaced Byron Scott as Nets coach.

PRO BASKETBALL (10 p.m. on TNT) The Toronto Raptors will improve to a .500 record if they defeat the Phoenix Suns.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (9 p.m. on ESPN) Michigan State looks to stay in first place of the Big 10 when visiting league rival Illinois.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (7 p.m. on ESPN) If Alabama is to make the NCAA tournament this year, it probably has to defeat highly-ranked Kentucky on Tuesday.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
New Jersey	29	20	.592	—	8-2 20-10
New York	25	27	.481	5.5	7-3 18-14
Boston	23	29	.442	7.5	3-7 14-21
Philadelphia	21	31	.404	9.5	2-8 16-18
Miami	21	31	.404	9.5	5-5 14-17
Washington	16	33	.327	13	5-5 9-22
Orlando	13	40	.245	18	2-8 11-24

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
Indiana	38	14	.731	—	7-3 26-8
Detroit	33	19	.635	5	4-6 22-12
Milwaukee	27	23	.540	10	5-5 21-12
New Orleans	27	24	.529	10.5	4-6 19-15
Toronto	24	25	.490	12.5	4-6 15-15
Cleveland	19	32	.373	18.5	5-5 14-18
Atlanta	17	35	.327	21	5-5 11-20
Chicago	14	37	.275	23.5	2-8 12-16

WESTERN CONFERENCE

MIDWEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
Minnesota	35	15	.700	—	7-3 15-11
San Antonio	34	18	.654	2	7-3 16-11
Dallas	32	18	.640	3	8-2 19-12
Memphis	29	21	.580	6	7-3 16-14
Houston	29	21	.580	6	6-4 11-15
Denver	29	23	.558	7	5-5 19-15
Utah	25	26	.490	10.5	4-6 14-18

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT.	GB	LIO CONF.
Sacramento	35	13	.729	—	6-4 22-11
L.A. Lakers	30	18	.625	5	5-5 15-14
Portland	24	25	.490	11.5	8-2 12-18
Seattle	24	26	.480	12	4-6 16-14
L.A. Clippers	22	27	.449	13.5	5-5 11-17
Golden State	21	28	.429	14.5	5-5 12-19
Phoenix	18	35	.340	19.5	2-8 11-20

Standings through Feb. 8.

❖ **Lights, camera ...:** For a complete wrap-up of Monday's action in men's and women's college basketball, as well as the NBA | washingtonpost.com/sports

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	28	17	6	3	65	147	119
Atlanta	21	27	6	2	50	150	170
Florida	18	23	11	3	50	122	150
Carolina	17	26	10	2	46	105	138
Washington	17	31	5	2	41	129	173

ATLANTIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Philadelphia	28	12	11	5	72	158	123
New Jersey	28	14	10	1	67	123	100
N.Y. Islanders	26	21	5	2	59	153	135
N.Y. Rangers	20	24	7	4	51	143	157
Pittsburgh	11	36	5	3	30	109	207

NORTHEAST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Toronto	30	14	8	3	71	152	131
Boston	27	14	11	4	69	142	128
Ottawa	28	15	7	4	67	180	120
Montreal	28	20	6	2	64	139	123
Buffalo	23	26	5	1	52	132	141

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Detroit	31	15	8	2	72	181	131
St. Louis	26	20	7	1	60	129	134
Nashville	26	20	6	2	60	130	142
Columbus	15	28	8	3	41	112	153
Chicago	14	29	7	5	40	125	163

NORTHWEST	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
Colorado	30	11	9	4	73	167	123
Vancouver	31	15	7	3	72	168	127
Calgary	26	20	5	3	60	132	123
Minnesota	19	20	15	2	55	123	125
Edmonton	22	24	8	1	53	141	144

PACIFIC	W	L	T	OL	PTS.	GF	GA
San Jose	26	13	11	5	68	138	111
Dallas	27	20	9	0	63	118	122
Los Angeles	21	15	13	5	60	145	139
Phoenix	18	19	14	3	53	136	148
Anaheim	17	23	8	7	49	119	148

Standings through Feb. 8.
One point awarded to overtime losses.

In Brief

HOCKEY

St. Louis Makes Trade For Defenseman Weinrich

The St. Louis Blues acquired veteran defenseman Eric Weinrich from the Philadelphia Flyers on Monday in a move aimed at helping to fill the void caused by season-ending injuries to two key defensemen. In exchange, the Flyers will get a fifth-round pick in the 2004 draft. Weinrich, a 16-year veteran in his third season with the Flyers, had two goals and seven assists in 54 games this season. **(AP)**

HORSE RACING

Jockey Rowland Dies

A jockey died Monday after suffering head injuries in a spill during a race last week. Michael Rowland, 41, was hurt Wednesday when the horse he was riding fractured a foreleg and collapsed. Rowland



Rowland

raced primarily at Thistledown, near Cleveland, where he was the all-time leading rider. He had 3,998 career victories. **(AP)**

PRO FOOTBALL

Ex-Bengals Coach Wyche Named Bills' QB Coach

Sam Wyche is returning to the NFL as the quarterbacks coach for the Buffalo Bills. The hiring of the former head coach of the Bengals and Buccaneers, announced Monday, rounds out new Bills coach Mike Mularkey's staff. Wyche twice led Cincinnati to the playoffs and took the team to the Super Bowl after the 1988 season. He coached the Buccaneers from 1992-95 before entering television broadcasting. A paralyzed vocal cord forced him to retire in 2000. **(AP)**

BASEBALL

Relief Pitcher Rivera: 'I Want to Remain a Yankee'

Mariano Rivera wants to stay in pinstripes for a few more years. The Yankees career-saves leader is in the final season of a \$39.99 million, four-year contract agreed to in February 2001. "We haven't talked yet," Rivera said Monday after working out at the Yankees' minor league complex. "I think we can get to an agreement on an extension. I want to remain a Yankee." **(AP)**



WALL OF CONFUSION: The Shins rely on old-fashioned songwriting chops like melody and song structure for their tunes.

Get Your Kicks

The Shins aren't re-inventing great rock, just playing it

MUSIC | It's refreshing to see such a compelling band succeed with music that refuses to re-invent the wheel. The Shins shy away from the bizarre bleeps and fuzzy samples

that have recently built armies of hipster sycophants for indie rockers like Radiohead, the Flaming Lips and Grandaddy.

Preferring a relatively barebones production style, the Shins rely instead on the brilliant songwriting of frontman James Mercer to carry their music. They have become one of the hottest bands

in independent music by showcasing Mercer's uncanny pop sensibility and deceptively straightforward melodies.

The Shins' 2001 debut LP, "Oh Inverted World," was lauded by critics with words like "definitive" and "flawless." The buzz became earsplitting. Packed with instant classics, the album was a stunning

introduction for the Shins.

Managing to sound breezy and glum in the same breath, Mercer draws on influences from nearly every pop genre. Anchoring the album is the Shins' innate sense of melody.

Sometimes just as simple as a children's tune, songs like "Know Your Onion!" are under three minutes long and stir up memories of some of the great '60s popsters. Paul McCartney, Brian Wilson and Paul Simon would certainly approve.

With this kind of debut, you could imagine the pressure placed on the Shins to produce a stellar sophomore release. "Chutes Too Narrow," released last fall, might be even better.

The opening track, "Kissing the Lipless," is by far the Shins' best song from both albums. Complex and brooding, the track builds up to an incredible release of tension with a yelped chorus that demands your attention.

While incorporating influences from alt-country to the Smiths, the Shins never stoop to mere imitation. In fact, the instinctive freshness of "Chutes Too Narrow" is its greatest quality.

Their two-night stand this Tuesday and Wednesday at the smallish Black Cat sold out weeks ago, and it's a mystery why the Shins are not playing a larger venue. But if you managed to score a ticket, you'll enjoy one of the best shows this year. **PETER DENTON (EXPRESS)**

Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Tues.-Wed., Feb. 10-11; 202-667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)



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Crew

The True Reformer Building, 1200 U St. NW; 6:30 p.m., free with reservations; 202-588-6193. (U St.-Cardozo)

Brews, Ha Ha: Beer Tasting

2 Beer: It's what's for dinner when Cafe Saint-Ex executive chef Jay Jence is around, whipping up an exciting, multi-regional menu full of flavors fit for the finest brews. Tonight, the cafe's beer tasting features cheese and chocolate pairings and the expertise of Jeff Wells of the Global Brewers Guild.

Cafe Saint-Ex, 1847 14th St. NW; 7:30 p.m., \$9 in advance, \$10 at the door; limited reservations available; 202-265-7839. (U St.-Cardozo)

Tour de France: Breton Music

3 The series of free performances showcasing the fine arts of various French regions soldiers on this week at the Kennedy Center *avec* the talents of pianist-composer Didier Squiban, who folds Breton musical traditions into his mix of jazz and romantic classical music.

Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F St. NW; 6 p.m., free; 467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

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Warriors Xena and Gabrielle prove that not just any girl can rock a leather bra.

Swords, Fangs and a Flute

DVD | In "Xena: Warrior Princess: Season Three" (Anchor Bay), Xena and sidekick Gabrielle beat up some more on the ancient world in a nine-disc set with 22 episodes.

Third-season highlights include a musical episode and a two-part cliffhanger finale that pits Xena against Gabrielle's evil daughter. Stars Lucy Lawless (as Xena) and Renee O'Connor (her sidekick Gabrielle) are joined by other cast and crew for interviews and commentary.

The set also has deleted footage and a CD-ROM disc packed with background on the New Zealand-filmed fantasy series.

"Angel: Season Three" (20th Century Fox) finds the brooding bloodsucker with a conscience Angel (David Boreanaz) returning for a third season of the spinoff from "Buffy the Vampire Slayer."

Here Angel is busy mourning Buffy's apparent death and unexpectedly taking on a new role of his own — fatherhood.

The six-disc set has 22 episodes, accompanied by commentary from series creator Joss Whedon and collaborators on a handful of episodes and deleted scenes.

The DVD set also includes two making-of featurettes and new

interviews with cast and crew.

"H.R. Pufnstuf: The Complete Series" (Rhino), is a three-disc set features all 17 episodes of the bizarre 1970s Saturday morning kids' show.

Created by Sid and Marty Krofft, the show follows the adventures of a boy and his magic talking flute who are pursued by the evil Witchiepoo but rescued by the benevolent Pufnstuf, the bigheaded mayor of a fantasy island.

The set includes an interview with the Kroffts, who also provide commentary for the pilot.

DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

ROAD TRIP: Vonda Shepard, the big-haired, big-toothed siren of "Ally McBeal," brings soft jazz to Rams Head Tavern, 33 West St., Annapolis, Md., 6:30 and 9:30 p.m.; 410-268-4545.

Entertainment

A Wunderkind's Old Soul

PERSONALITY | Last year at this time, Norah Jones was still rattled by her stunning five-Grammy win. Now she's a veteran for whom expectations are high, back with "Feels Like Home," from Blue Note. The CD is as warm and evocative as its title.

How difficult was it dealing with the pressure that must have grown out of the Grammy wins and the other success?

I felt some pressure, but mostly because people kept asking me all year if I felt pressure. If no one had asked, I probably wouldn't have felt any at all, which I know sounds odd because everyone complains about pressure so much in this business.

The worst thing would be to make another record that sells but you don't feel good about it, because you have to spend the next two years living with it on stage and the radio.



HOME AGAIN: Norah Jones's new album is a beguiling mix of originals and covers.

What was your game plan when you started the new album?

I approached it the same as the first. My one thought was I wanted to record all the originals

we had from me and Lee [bassist Lee Alexander] and the rest of the band, then see what might be missing musically — pick some covers to fill voids in the album.

How did you find the Tom Waits song "Long Way Home" for the album?

That really was a surprise. I met him backstage at a show he was doing in New York and I was so excited to meet him because I love his records. Our drummer, Andy [Borger], used to play with him, so I was going to break the ice by saying, "Yeah, I play with one of your drummers," or something. But the first thing Tom said was did I get the songs he sent me. Tom said he heard I was looking for songs for the next album. It was quite an honor. Now I'm scared to death.

You're nervous about what Waits will think?

Yes. I realize I haven't done covers of too many songwriters who are living But I recorded "Long Way Home" because I love the words. They are so sweet. Even with his gruff voice on it, you want to go, "Ahhhh, how sweet," when he sings, "Come with me and we can take the long way home."

ROBERT HILBURN (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



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How Low Can You Go: Lemalu Sings

4 Bass-baritone Jonathan Lemalu is a New Zealand singer of Samoan descent. The power, depth and beauty of his young voice have been remarked on by astonished critics all over Europe and North America. The multiaward-winner drops by D.C. as part of his world-conquering tour.



Lemalu

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 7:30 p.m., \$35; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)



HEADS UP: A satirist of Washington politics, Jeffrey Frank reads from his book, "Bad Publicity," at Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; 7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919.



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Entertainment

Survival of the Hissyfittest

STAR STYLE | With five Grammys and a multiplatinum solo disc, Beyonce is clearly a diva on the rise. But how does she compare to others in the most important diva categories? We rate them on the divascale from 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest).

ATTITUDE

BEYONCE KNOWLES: Despite her sassy bluster, she's a God-fear-

ing Southern belle who loves her daddy. **2.**

JANET JACKSON: Who could forget her admonishing the nasty boys? **4.**

MADONNA: Anyone who saw "Truth or Dare" knows the answer. **5.**

WHITNEY HOUSTON: Don't tussle with this girl; you'll get cussed out. **4.**

LOVE LIFE

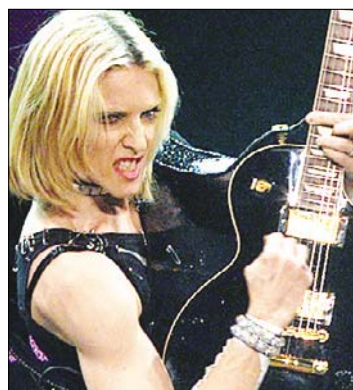
BEYONCE: She bobbled her thing

with Jay-Z by refusing to confirm it. Blah. **2.**

JANET: Two divorces, a rumored liaison with Justin Timberlake and current beau Jermaine Dupri, but she's still the tamest Jackson. **3.**

MADONNA: The champ, with conquests ranging from Warren Beatty to Vanilla Ice to Dennis Rodman to, reportedly, Sandra Bernhard. **5.**

WHITNEY: Her willingness to stand



TAKE THAT, LADIES! Still the champ and diva supreme after 20-plus years.

by her man through jail stints and drug rehab has kept the pair in the headlines. **4.**

CONTROVERSY

BEYONCE: She's smoothed over early accusations that she dominated Destiny's Child. **2.**

JANET: Nipplegate made history. **5.**

MADONNA: She's done everything from roll around in a wedding dress to that "Sex" book to, well, children's books. **4.**

WHITNEY: Goody-goody becomes half of music's Bonnie & Clyde. **5.**

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... It's really just another movie about a couple of angry robots ...

... Did I mention that they're all fish? ... ”

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SBF, 29, 5'5", bachelor's degree, likes working out, music, talking, sitting by fire. Seeking SBF, 26-45, similar interests, for fun times, more. **✆908942**

COSMO GIRL SEEKS Maxim guy. Attractive SBPF, Christian, 31, seeks funny, ambitious SPM, 27-35, any race, who enjoys quiet nights, lounges, sports, pets, the arts. **✆905608**

STRONG, EDUCATED, SLIM, healthy, beautiful black female seeks white or Hispanic male, 25-38, for long-term relationship. **✆905999**

LOVING LIFE. SBF, 31, light brown complexion, seeking SWM, 30-38, with a big heart, for friendship and possible LTR. **✆904312**

PREPARE TO CIRCLE this one! Cute, fit SPBF, seeks the company of an attractive, energetic, sports-minded SPM, 27-37. Guaranteed fun times ahead! **✆905591**

SPF, 30, IS interested in meeting a CM, who enjoys watching movies, dancing, reading and more. **✆911640**
SBF, 32, ENJOYS movies, shopping and hanging out, seeks laid-back, honest lady, 28-40, N/S, for friendship first. **✆910937**

SPF, 5'9", HPTW, ISO professional male, 35-55, N/S, drama-free, ISO companionship, laughter, good times and more. **✆905221**

COSMO GIRL SEEKING Maxim guy. Attractive SBPCF, 31, seeks funny, ambitious SPCM, 27-35, any race, enjoys quiet nights, lounges, sports, pets, the arts. **✆905525**

SBF, 24, 5'6", 116lbs, slender body, enjoys jazz and just about any kind of fun. Seeking SBM, 21-39, N/S, no children, for LTR. **✆805837**

ATTRACTIVE, TALL POCAHONTAS, SBF, 47, 5'9", seeking male 47-60, who enjoys dining, dancing, for friendship, possible LTR. **✆907003**

ATTRACTIVE, VIVACIOUS, PASSIONATE, fun SBF, 34, 5'3", 110lbs, with great sense of humor, seeks handsome, well-mannered, thoughtful, intelligent SW/HM, 32-45, N/S, for LTR. **✆903253**

YOUNG SB MOM, 22, goes to school, works hard and is looking for some more fun in life, with a great guy. **✆901805**

HONEST, SINCERE, FULL-FIGURED SBPF loves shopping, travel, reading, dancing, fun. Seeking gentlemanly SBPM, 27-40, preferably with no children. No games. **✆874525**

SEXY, SPONTANEOUS, ADVENTUROUS SBF, 27, 5'3", light brown eyes, seeks open-minded SWF, 27-35, for relationship, possibly more. **✆839502**

SINGLE MOM. SEXY, outgoing female, 22, 6', 150lbs, light brown skin, sense of humor, loves basketball, football, video games. Seeking outgoing guy, sense of humor. **✆828018**

ATTRACTIVE MOM. SBCF, 31, 5'6", HPTW, down-to-earth, honest, hopeless romantic, seeking marriage-minded CM, with SOH, HPTW, enjoys life, love, family, and wants to build forever. **✆819822**

SWF, 20, FULL-FIGURED, likes movies, travel, music, swimming and time with family and friends. Seeking SBM, 20-29, who shares these interests. **✆807867**

ARTISTIC DWF, 37, curvaceous, blonde/green seeks another artist or writer who's an unconcerned, loving S/DWM, 32-45, with who enjoys togetherness. Open conversationalist is a good quality. **✆804441**

FEMALE SPORTS FAN. SBPF, 37, enjoys working out, travel, cooking. Seeking SBPM, 32-42, N/S, with similar interests. **✆644991**

I'M EVERYWOMAN. COSMOPOLITAN SWPF, 36, curly long brown/blue, ISO financially secure, young-looking SWPM, 40-50, athletic build, who wants to share all life has to offer. **✆610019**

NUBIAN PRINCESS. SBPCF, 35, 5'7", H/W proportionate, enjoys weekend trips, park walks, movies, outdoors. Seeking SBCM, 5'11"+, for companionship. **✆767234**

SBF, 39, PISCES, N/S, seeks BM, 39-49, N/S, who is professional, and is honest. For a very serious relationship. **✆407432**

SWPF, CHRISTIAN, 5'8", blonde/blue, easygoing, flexible, young-at-heart, loves kids (mine are grown). Likes fun and excitement. Seeks WPCM, 40+, for companionship. Possible LTR. **✆500473**

SBF, 32, ATTRACTIVE, intelligent, loves to read, watch movies, bowl, skate, play pool, take long walks. Seeking mature, humorous, family-oriented SM, 33-55. **✆414061**

VEGETARIAN NATURE GIRL, 25, caring, honest, fun-loving, down-to-earth, passionate, enjoys walks in the rain, holding hands, cuddling. ISO honest man, for friendship first, possible LTR. **✆858042**

MAN IN UNIFORM, Attractive, energetic SBF, 30, 5'6", 120lbs, seeks honest, respectful, communicative SW/HM, 29-35, for friendship first, possible LTR. **✆349299**

EDUCATED, PROFESSIONAL SAF, 57, seeks nice, intelligent, white gentleman, 57-65, with similar qualities. For LTR. **✆686805**

22-YEAR-OLD, SBF, 5'10", light complexion, curvaceous, attractive, recent college graduate, seeking SB/WM, 27-36, with similar interests, for companionship. **✆771602**

ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT SWF, 37, blonde, with sexy eyes and great legs, down-to-earth, fun-loving, and major football fan. Seeking SBM, 35-43, down-to-earth, for romance, possible LTR. **✆633699**

SW TEACHER, 34, is interested in all types of music (especially classical and 80s), and is looking for a man who stays active and cultured. **✆753605**

SBF, 38, SAGITTARIUS, mother, works at nursing home, laid-back, enjoys dining, movies, seeks man, 32-45, for friendship, possible romance. **✆713900**

38-YEAR-OLD SBF, MOTHER, enjoys keeping busy and more. Looking to chill with an independent, honest, affectionate, fun-loving SBM friend for the winter and beyond. Thrifty for life and good times? **✆884369**

CHRISTIAN SBPF, 33, gentle, sincere, music lover, entrepreneur, seeking Christian SBPM, who's prayerful, honest, kind, gentlemanly, handsome, adventuresome. N/Children, never married, 33-39, for dating/relationship/possible LTR. **✆890125**

PRETTY SWF, 34, Leo, N/S, good morals and values, enjoys movies, nature, home life. Seeking Christian man, 33-45, for marriage and future family. **✆267890**

SHY, LAID-BACK, HUMOROUS SBF, 35, mother of one, enjoys shopping, quiet evenings home and more. Seeking honest, humorous, down-to-earth SBM, 27-47, for friendship, maybe more. **✆893447**

FUN-LOVING SBCF, 36, medium build, secure, ISO honest SBCM, 36-40, who appreciates a good woman, for friendship, dating and possible LTR. **✆890186**

SMALL, SEXY SBPF, 25, 5'5" enjoys movies, theatre, dancing, camping, laughing, spear-fishing. Seeking fit, affectionate, honest, stable, relationship-oriented SPM, 30-36, 5'11"-6'3", for...? **✆885789**

ROMANCE IS NOT dead! 32-year-old BF, 5'9", slim, attractive, physically/mentally sound, seeks tall gentleman, 28-44, H/W proportionate, career/goal-oriented, with minimal baggage. No serial daters, please. **✆880806**

ATTRACTIVE SBPF, 39, 5'5", 135lbs, enjoys workouts, music, stimulating conversations, etc. ISO attractive SWM, N/S, drug-free, for fun, laughter, learning, dining out. **✆908922**

TALL, BEAUTIFUL, BLACK, plus-sized professional female, 32, ISO tall professional male, 32-40, for dating. **✆640310**

SBF, 38, 6', 145lbs, fit, enjoys sports, movies, dining out, and travel. Seeking SWPM with similar interests. **✆356120**

ATTRACTIVE SB MOM, 33, down-to-earth, caring, enjoys movies, dining, outdoors. Seeking honest, caring SM, 30-39, race open, for friendship first. **✆393133**

SWF, 33, ATTORNEY, new to area, tall, blonde/blue-green, Pisces, N/S, sports lover, enjoys traveling and jazz clubs. Seeking tall PM, 34-44, N/S, dog +. **✆589833**

VIBRANT, FULL-FIGURED SBF, 37, 6', enjoys theater, dining out, reading, and museums. Seeking SBM, 27-37, for LTR. Serious inquiries only, please. **✆513337**

SOUTHERN GAL, 37 SBF 5'2", down to earth, enjoys concerts, movies, quiet times at home. Seeking SBPM, 35-45, for friendship and possible LTR. **✆486549**

COOL WORLD. GREAT-LOOKING SB Taurus, 36, is passionate, loving, kind and looking for the same in a great guy. **✆473074**

ATTRACTIVE, FULL FIGURED SBF, 28, Leo, non smoker, who enjoys sports, outdoor activities and dancing. Seeking HM, 25-35, with similar interests. For friendship. **✆533458**

BF, 35, TWO children, looking for a SM, 35-50, 5'10"+, for friendship and conversation. I'm tall, maybe leading to more. Must like children. **✆387069**

IN SEARCH OF an honest man with a good sense of humor and a love for children, for quality time with this SWF, 28. **✆330886**

SAPF, 38, SEEKS honest, sincere, good hearted, educated SW/APM, 35-48, N/S, who enjoys nature, music, for LTR. **✆895164**

=ATTRACTIVE, SINCERE SBCF, 46, loves the Lord, enjoys movies, traveling, quiet times. Seeking sincere, honest SBM, with similar interests, enjoys conversation, good sense of humor. **✆871514**

CUTE, ATHLETIC SMART SPF, 25, seeks professional, handsome, financially secure male, 26-31, for friendship, then we'll see what develops. **✆871828**

SLENDER, ATTRACTIVE SWF, 29, long blonde hair, loves the arts, literature, history and more. Seeking well-educated, fit, non-smoking S/DWPM, 27-38, 5'8"+, for dating, possible LTR. **✆855755**

EDUCATED, TRUSTWORTHY, ATTRACTIVE SBPF, 30, 6', enjoys dining out, intelligent conversation more. Seeking highly educated, relationship-oriented SM, 30-40, 6'+, with no children for possible LTR. **✆852480**

SPONTANEOUS, ENTHUSIASTIC, WITTY, well-rounded, mature SBF, 22, 5'9", very attractive college grad, enjoys the gym, reading, travel. Seeking SBM, 25-32, 6'+, no children, college-educated, attractive, fit, well-mannered. **✆853960**

SBF, 31, 5'8", 145lbs seeking kind-hearted, honest, down-to-earth SWM, 40-55, for dating and possible LTR. **✆850317**

SACF, 30, SCORPIO, seeks someone who is kind, sincerity and honesty a must, loving, good sense of humor, 30-40, for friendship, possible LTR. No games. **✆644865**

OPEN-MINDED, AFFECTIONATE DPF, 37, seeks SWPM, 38+, N/S, mature, intelligent, kind, for romance, leading to commitment and family. **✆512872**


CHANCE FOR ROMANCE. SBF, 36, 5'3", 165lbs. Educated, affectionate, down-to-earth, feminine, childless. Looking to develop, build, and create the impossible with you. SBPM, 38+, N/S. **✆495960**

BLOND, OUTGOING SWPF, 37, 5'6", athletic, outdoors, attractive. Seeking SPM, 35-55, with similar interest. For friendship first possible LTR. **✆730510**

GENTLE, BROWN-SKINNED WOMAN, 36, radiant smile and natural beauty, seeks kind-hearted, fit gentleman, 37-45, N/S, for nature outings, cultural events, and relaxed conversation. **✆470350**

VERY OUTGOING SBF, 34, 5'3", 145lbs, fit, in search of sincere, kind gentleman, 29-39, have too many interests to list here, call, we'll talk! **✆469865**

NICE-LOOKING SBF, 40 SOMETHING, enjoys a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. Seeking an attractive SPM, early 40s, for a relationship. **✆794643**

 **CLASSY, PRETTY, EDUCATED** woman, very young-looking 64, fit, pianist, loves movies, concerts, short trips, looking for educated WA/HM for dating and romance. **✆702942**

SBF, 49, 5'10", very caring, honest, old-fashioned, great sense of humor, likes time at home, movies, parks, family. Seeking similar SM, 45-60, friend's first. **✆11349**

VERY ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT SWPF, 35, 5'4", slender, brown/green, enjoys music, traveling, trying new things, seeking handsome, well-educated, tall, honest SWPM, 30-40, N/S, no kids. LTR. **✆875669**

WHERE ARE YOU? SWM, 35-48, dedicated, financially secure, happy for me, SWF, 42. Fairfax area. **✆896310**

SCF, 46, LIBRA, seeks SCM, 40-50, for possible LTR, N/S, N/D, healthy, attractive, full-figured, family-oriented, seeking SM, 40-50, with similar interests. **✆903561**

SBF, 58, ENJOYS travel, cultural events, social functions, sports, ISO SM, 58-67, N/S, who is intelligent, financially secure, good for friendship, possible LTR. **✆904570**

ATTRACTIVE, CARING, SENSUAL DF, ISO a good-hearted man, 45-60, for fun times and romance. Could end in a LTR. **✆902309**

ART OF POSSIBILITIES SBF, 43, slim, N/S, N/C, financially stable, loves life. Looking to meet a college educated, healthy, SBM, 45-55. Call me. **✆784895**

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TALL, INDEPENDENT SWPF, 37, enjoys books, gardening, cats, horses, country drives, theater, music, festivals, exploring nature, variety and romance. **✆776826**

Men Seeking Women

SM, 31, 6', 145lbs, brown complexion/eyes, slim, enjoys football, basketball, bowling, shooting pool, seeking compatible SF, 25-31, for dating and possible relationship. **✆890679**

SBM, 36, 5'7", 160lbs, athletic build, custodian, N/S, loves movies and martial arts. Seeking AF, 29-36, N/S, for LTR. **✆906212**

MALE, 26, HIGHLY enterprising and industrious, easygoing, God-fearing Taurus, N/S, seeks woman, 18-24, hard-working, easygoing, ambitious. **✆929194**

PHYSICALLY FIT SWM, 42, 6'2", blond/blue, seeks active fit SPF, for LTR, and maybe family. N/S, N/Drugs. **✆896089**

SM, 5'8", 150lbs, dark complexion, bald, very intelligent, special, down-to-earth, seeking compatible SF, 20-45, for dating and possible relationship. **✆891302**

SBM, 21, 5'11", short/light-brown, is in search of a woman who is pretty, and knows what she wants from life, for a good relationship. **✆802227**

SBM, 21, 155lbs, wants to meet a woman who keeps herself looking and feeling good, to share fun, friendship and maybe more. **✆885645**

SBM, 19, WANTS to meet a woman who keeps fit, beautiful, and believes in honesty, for a fun relationship. **✆886437**

EASYGOING AM, 20, would like to meet a woman who is beautiful, and ready to have some more fun in her life. **✆877346**

TALL, CHRISTIAN SBM, 21, 6'4", 220lbs, N/S, with children, seeks Christian SBF, 21-39, must be 6'4"/220lbs+, N/S, no children, must be in Silver Springs area. **✆911410**

SM, 5'9", 170lbs, brown complexion, wavy hair, works in transportation, loves riding motorcycles, fishing, basketball, football, seeks open-minded African-American SF, 33-45. **✆904527**

SWPM, 30, 6', easygoing, intelligent, honest, sense of humor, enjoys travel, fitness, comedy, movies. ISO nice, intelligent SF, 22-32, for friendship, possible LTR. **✆963007**

SM, 26, 5'6", handsome, long hair, gold teeth, employed in a warehouse, seeking SF, who has love in her heart, for dating and possible relationship. **✆908129**

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SPM, ATTRACTIVE, ROMANTIC, no kids. Desires SBF, N/S, for fun, friendship, dating. Let's see where destiny takes us. **✆887927**

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ATHLETIC BM, 6'1", looking for down-to-earth female, 20-47, who likes laughing, music, for true love. **✆868801**

MALE, 21, 5'9", 160lbs, looking for a female, 18-30, if interested, give me a call. Children ok. **✆870289**

ROMANTIC SBM, 36, 5'8", Gemini, N/S, enjoys lifting weights, church, having fun, the beach, seeks woman, 30-40, N/S, similar interests. **✆843879**

ATHLETIC SWM, 21, just out of military, into weightlifting. Seeking woman, 21-25, 5'2"-5'10", thin build, very attractive, athletic, who likes movies, car trips, beaches. **✆832196**

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SHPM, 38, 5'5", foreign language teacher, enjoys movies, travel, music, arts. Seeking female, 28-33, romantic, slim, honest. **✆853181**

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People

CLOSINGS 'It's OK to be Weird'

Minutes after the final curtain fell on "Taboo," the Broadway musical that folded after three months, producer **ROSIE O'DONNELL** stood outside the Plymouth Theatre wiping tears from her eyes. "Taboo" appealed to a devoted cult of fans who turned out in force Sunday. Braden Chapman, 20, decked out in black leather chaps and heavy mascara, said he had seen the show three times. What kept him coming back, he said, was "the affirmation it gives to people that it's OK to be weird." (AP)

FALLEN DIVAS Coming Soon: 'Behind Bars: The Diana Ross Story'

DIANA ROSS was convicted Monday of driving under the influence and ordered to spend two days in jail. The R&B diva, who telephoned into the Tucson, Ariz., court hearing from New York, pleaded no contest to DUI. Two related charges were dropped. Tucson Magistrate T. Jay Cranshaw found Ross guilty of DUI and sentenced her to serve 48 hours in jail before March 9. Ross, 59, was also sentenced to a year of unsupervised probation. (AP)



SIBS Hey, It's Paris Hilton's Sister!

Once, they were Paris and **NIKKI HILTON**. Sometimes, even Nikki and Paris Hilton. An indomitable pair of jailbait heiress/socialite siblings they were, yet today, the younger Hilton is ever more frequently designated by the painfully dismissive "Paris Hilton's sister." But Nikki, 19, was out in force on Sunday, modeling in the Mackage fashion show in New York's Bryant Park, telling the world, "Paris is henceforth 'Nikki Hilton's sister.'" (EXPRESS)



Potential hosts: Sign up now to allow these two parasites into your home.

NIKKI'S SISTER Paris Is Coming to Town

After traumatizing northwest Arkansas, **PARIS HILTON** and **NICOLE RICHIE** are taking on the rest of the country. The socialites will spend the second season of "The Simple Life," on a road trip, Fox TV announced Monday. Auditions for host families will begin this weekend and are scheduled to last throughout the month. (AP)

STARLETS Charlize Didn't Change Mind

"I'm not for the death penalty and working on this film didn't really change anything for me," said



CHARLIZE THERON at the international debut of "Monster" in Berlin on Sunday. "If anything, it made me more aware of how ineffective it is," Reuters quoted her as saying. (EXPRESS)

MODELS Ignore What They Tell You! She's a Robot Death Clone

MICHELLE LOMBARDO may have just seated her last party of four. The 20-year-old restaurant hostess is the winner of Sports Illustrated's nationwide swimsuit issue model search, SI announced Sunday. "This is a dream come true," said Lombardo, a triathlete from Glastonbury, Conn., who now lives in Los Angeles. "I would always pick up my brother's copy of the swimsuit issue. I always thought that if I ever got into modeling, I would love to make it into Sports Illustrated." (AP)

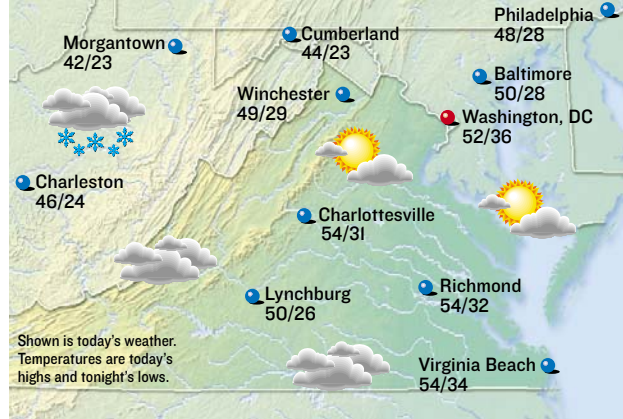


She may look wholesome, but she's a ruthless high-tech destroyer.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Partly sunny; breezy and milder 52°	Partly cloudy; turning colder late 36°	Mostly sunny; breezy and chilly 46° / 34°	Mostly cloudy; chance of wet snow 46° / 28°	Mostly sunny and breezy 44° / 32°	Partly sunny; a bit milder 47° / 32°

Regional Weather



Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Mon.
Temperature
High 49°
Low 26°
Normal high 45°
Normal low 29°
Average humidity 43%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 2.20"
Normal month to date 0.82"
Year to date 3.55"
Last year to date 3.26"
Normal year to date 4.03"

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Regional Forecast

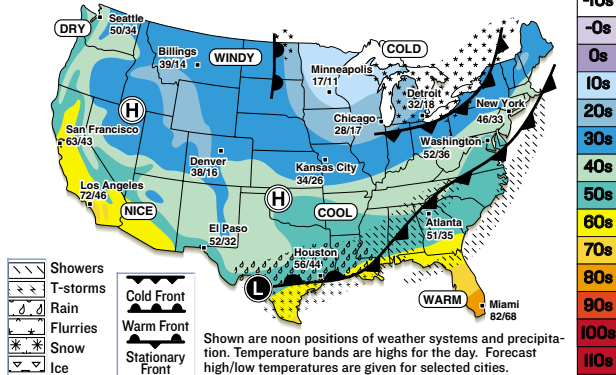
D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, breezy, mild. High 52. Wind west to southwest 10-18 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy, brisk, becoming colder. Low 36.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 7:06 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:39 p.m.
Moonrise today 10:26 p.m.
Moonset today 9:31 a.m.



National Weather for Tuesday, February 10



National Cities

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	51/35/c	52/39/c
Boston	43/30/pc	38/20/pc
Chicago	28/17/sf	28/18/c
Dallas	54/38/c	47/30/c
Denver	38/16/pc	24/2/c
Honolulu	82/68/s	83/69/s
Los Angeles	72/46/s	72/48/s
Miami	82/68/pc	82/71/pc
New York City	46/33/pc	37/26/pc
Orlando	78/58/pc	76/62/c
Seattle	50/34/s	52/36/s

World Cities

City	Today	Wed.
Amsterdam	41/40/r	49/44/r
Athens	50/32/s	46/35/s
Berlin	29/27/sn	34/22/sn
Buenos Aires	90/72/pc	90/72/pc
Calgary	35/3/s	34/19/s
Dublin	50/41/c	56/43/pc
Geneva	40/28/pc	40/30/r
Moscow	17/1/sn	13/-4/c
Rome	48/35/pc	49/41/c
Sydney	89/76/c	93/62/pc
Tokyo	45/30/s	46/37/s

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

PRESIDENT BUSH wants us to believe that he reported for Air National Guard duty during the summer and fall of 1972 even though his only "proof" is that he was honorably discharged ("Kerry Questions Bush's Guard Service," Feb. 9). It has been reported that he was able to enlist in the Guard because his father made a phone call, so what's to say the same influence didn't get him the honorable discharge?

We should assume that the real reason President Bush doesn't have any proof of reporting for service is that he never did. Until Bush demonstrates with actual evidence that he served as required, we should assume he shirked his duties.

—GOLD MARAGANI
Washington, D.C.

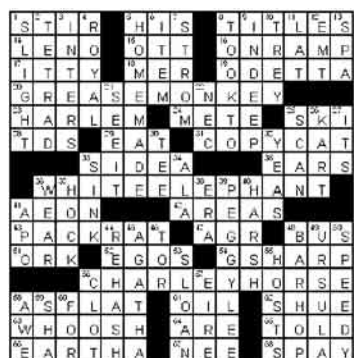
I AM CONVINCED that Metro's goal is to eliminate itself, so I am going to help it do so. Based on proposed fare and parking cost increases ("Metro Foresees Fare Hikes," Feb. 6), it will be significantly less expensive for me to drive from my house in Howard County to D.C. every day, including parking. Therefore, upon the next fare increase, I will stop riding Metro and start driving.

—SARA PACE
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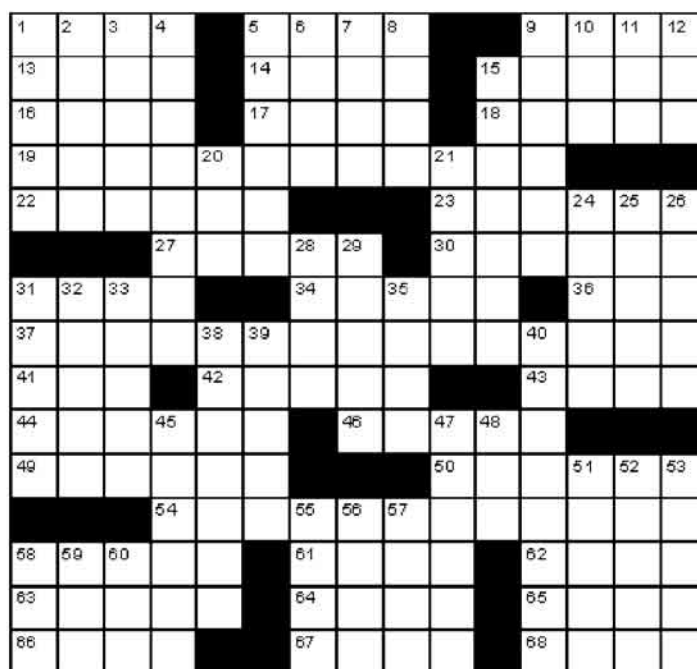
Yesterday's Solution



Crossword Puzzle: Go the Distance | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1 Coarse file
- 5 All het up
- 9 Arizona city
- 13 ____'acte
- 14 Do a cover-up job?
- 15 It's pulled occasionally
- 16 About, formally
- 17 Seaweed product
- 18 Cellar-dweller's victory
- 19 Oceanographer's measure
- 22 Catch in a net
- 23 Methuselah's claim to fame
- 27 Kuwait noble
- 30 "The Virginian" author, Owen
- 31 Kublai ____
- 34 Halos of light
- 36 Philosophical "way"
- 37 British sleuths' center
- 41 Ob-gyn's gp.
- 42 Off the couch
- 43 Highland tongue
- 44 Spoken
- 46 Great bargain
- 49 Salad plant
- 50 "It's about time!"
- 54 Municipal coin collector



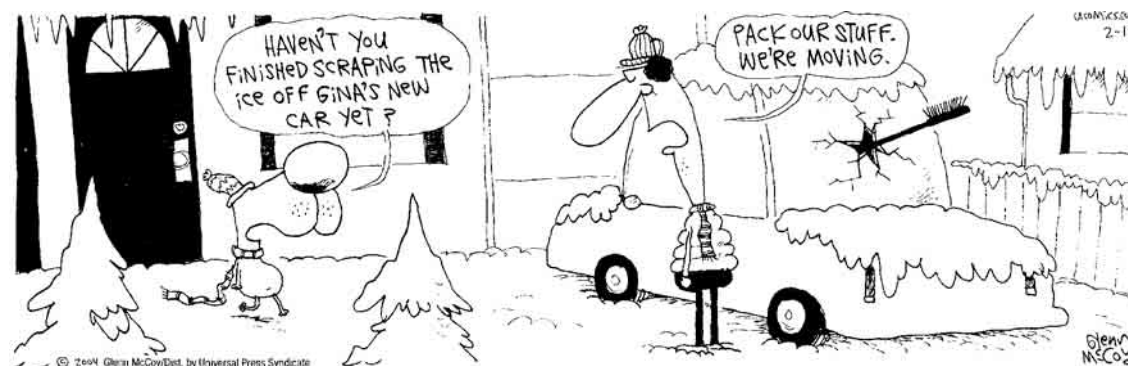
- 58 Kindly
- 61 One on a pedestal
- 62 Ready to come off the stove
- 63 Stove covers
- 64 Fishtail
- 65 Queen prio George I
- 66 Wistful thinking

- 67 Caused a swoon
- 68 Hot or iced drinks
- DOWN
- 1 Queen of France
- 2 Kofi of the UN
- 3 Play guitar
- 4 Years of innocence, perhaps

- 5 Western warrior
- 6 Bitten by the love bug
- 7 Face form
- 8 Bug's beginning?
- 9 Lightweight road vehicles
- 10 Bananas have two
- 11 "Told you so!"

- 12 Hanging display
- 15 Picked on
- 20 Attachment for skeptic or cynic
- 21 Sioux City Sue, e.g.
- 24 Floral essence
- 25 They may be stripped
- 26 Lose underpinnings
- 28 Digs in
- 29 Criterions
- 31 Jack in the deck
- 32 Macho guys
- 33 Blue ribbon, e.g.
- 35 Talk up a storm
- 38 Neckpieces
- 39 Houston athlete, once
- 40 Attacked vocally
- 45 Humans, e.g.
- 47 Aerie inhabitant
- 48 Modern money source
- 51 Set things square
- 52 1990-91 World Grand Prix champion
- 53 Linden and litchi
- 55 Glancing contact, in billiards
- 56 Between assignments
- 57 Part of speech
- 58 Like Bashful
- 59 Agony
- 60 L-o-n-g time period

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You'll be in a position to compare the desirable with the undesirable in more than one area. There's no need to keep opinions to yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You'll feel more vigorous and energetic in many ways — mostly as the result of a chance encounter that opens your eyes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Race to finish ahead of others and you may find that you were having more fun taking part. Cooperation is better than competition.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You and a friend or loved one may seem to be on different wavelengths during a portion of the

day. Take time to be honest, specific.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You are too serious about your own endeavors. Adopt a more relaxed attitude and demeanor. Circumstances will improve.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You'll be looking for shortcuts, but in the end you'll have to check your work carefully. Don't be lazy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your optimistic outlook will benefit others as well as yourself — as long as you put your ideas into motion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — This is a good day for you to take charge and make changes you know are necessary for yourself and others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You have the power to minimize your fears, and to banish forever any further doubt you may have about a current project.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You may be easy to second-guess, but it is unlikely that anyone will try to take advantage of you. Play it safe, however.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You may be feeling stuck, but the only person holding you back is you. You may have to dispense with old ways of thinking.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You may find yourself immersed in a situation you can neither comprehend nor control. Your fate is in someone else's hands.

LIVE ONLINE

Election 2004

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Post columnist and reporter **DAVID S. BRODER** was online Monday to discuss the weekend caucuses, Tuesday's primaries and the Democratic presidential nomination race.

Why did Howard Dean choose Wisconsin as his must-win state? Will he really drop out if he doesn't finish first there?

I think he chose Wisconsin because its voters have a reputation for independence and a liking for mavericks. If he does not win there, I think his backers will have to concede that the fight is over.

How much value do you put in polling?

I think polling before primary elections is very difficult because so many voters in those primaries make up their minds just before the polls open. Pre-primary polls should be treated with great caution.

The exit polls based on interviews with those who have voted are much more useful analytical tools and deserve much more credence.

I hear a lot of party officials aren't very happy with the primary schedule. Isn't there something to be said for being able to campaign in a state for more than three days?

Amen. I think the current schedule is ridiculous. Every time I think it can't get worse, it gets worse. Surely someday people will say, "What's the rush?"

I find it interesting that George W. Bush is hearing some of the same muttering about dumping Dick Cheney that his father heard about Dan Quayle. When was the last time a president dropped his VP when running for re-election?

That would be President Ford who asked Nelson Rockefeller to step aside in 1976 and chose Bob Dole as his running mate.

Today on Live Online

10:30 A.M.: Elizabeth Edwards, wife of presidential candidate Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., discusses the 2004 election.

1:30 P.M.: Wesley Clark Jr., son of presidential candidate Wesley K. Clark, discusses the 2004 election.

7 P.M.: Washington Post Associate Editor Robert G. Kaiser discusses the Virginia and Tennessee primaries.

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